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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: H. MURAYAMA et al
Serial No. 09/227,740
Filed: January 8, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2186
Examiner: T. Thai
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
09/227,740, filed January 8, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add
new claims 21-40 as follows.

--21. A computer system, in which a part of main memory
is able to be hot-plugged, said computer system comprising,
a first memory,

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